

Three points clear CATCH US — IF YOU CAN!

TERRY Scott celebrated his return to first team action with two opportunist goals as Wycombe Wanderers went back to the top of the Berger Isthmian League on Saturday.

Scott, playing his first senior game for nearly two months, scored once in each half against struggling Croydon and helped Wanderers go three points clear at the top of the Premier Division.

With a fortnight to wait before their next league game, the message emanating from the increasingly confident Blues is: "Catch us if you can."

Slough, who were beating Aylesbury to reach the Berks and Bucks Senior Cup final, must still be firm favourites for the title as they have three matches in hand. But they have some tough matches left against Enfield and Sutton, while the Wanderers already have the points on the board.

Reputation

With four away games out of five remaining, Wycombe had to beat Croydon — not an easy task against a defensively minded side who had lost only nine times this season — the same as Wanderers.

Except for the opening few minutes, Croydon lived up to their reputation as the lowest scorers in the league. During the 90 minutes they did not once test Gary Lester with a direct shot at goal. No wonder manager Ted Shepherd was shouting instructions from the stand.

His opposite number Mike Keen, who publicly expressed dissatisfaction with his forward line following the defeat at Enfield, turned his words into action by making two changes.

By MICHAEL KNOX Wycombe 2, Croydon 0

setting up chances for Wilson and Scott with a perceptive pass.

But Wanderers found it difficult to break down the Croydon defence, until they took the lead in the 31st minute.

Lacklustre

Ken Wilson's corner from the left, skidded between at least half-a-dozen players to reach the unmarked Scott near the far post. Scott drove the ball in from about eight yards.

With both defences in control in awkward conditions, the second half produced little goalmouth action, until Long replaced the lacklustre Glynn. I never thought I would say this, but the Blues attack looked far sharper following Glynn's departure. He seems to have lost both pace and confidence.

Long, as he tends to do when substitute, buzzed around effectively and with a bit more control could have scored.

A one goal lead can be caught however much in control one team is. So it came as a relief when Wan-

derers added their second, ten minutes from time, following the best move of the match.

Paul Birdseye, back in action after being laid out, sent Wilson away on the right with a first time pass made with the outside of his boot.

Wilson chipped the ball forward to Long, whose high cross had goalkeeper Peter Mills stretching. Mills just got a hand to the ball but deflected only into the path of Scott, who completed the formalities.

One of the features of Wycombe's game was the commanding game played by their defence. Keith Mead, who showed no reaction from his recent injury, enjoyed a fine game as did the ever consistent Bobby Davies. George Borg's tenacity also came in useful.

WYCOMBE: G. Lester, B. Birdseye, G. Borg, R. Davies, K. Mead, R. Dell, K. Wilson, H. Kennedy, T. Glynn (sub: S. Long 67 mins), T. Scott, M. Hollfield.

CROYDON: P. Mills, K. Grose, R. Gaston, A. Ward, R. Shimmers, B. Walker (sub: A. Welsh 55 mins), S. Brown, A. Jackson, J. Warden, L. Whitton, K. Whitteney.

Referee: A. A. Welch (Camberley).
Half-time 1-0. **Scorer** — Wycombe: Scott 2 (31, 80 mins). Attendance: 603.

BERGER ISTHMIAN LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Wycombe	37	20	8	9	65	41	68
Slough	33	18	11	4	54	28	65
Enfield	35	18	9	8	64	40	63
Leytonstone	33	15	9	9	58	45	54
Harrow	34	15	9	10	50	38	54
Sutton	31	14	10	7	57	44	52
Dagenham	35	14	9	12	64	56	51
Staines	36	13	8	15	52	52	47
Bromley	35	13	8	14	54	58	47
Hayes	32	14	5	13	31	37	47
Dulwich	36	12	10	14	56	67	46
Hendon	36	12	10	14	52	53	46
*Barking	38	12	12	14	53	66	46
Tooting	38	13	6	19	42	49	45
Carshalton	32	12	5	15	44	59	41
Walthamstow	33	12	5	16	37	53	41
Leatherhead	36	9	13	14	30	42	40
Harlow	34	9	12	13	39	51	39
Croydon	32	7	15	10	30	32	36
Hitchin	31	9	8	14	46	43	35
Boreham Wd	33	9	8	16	42	58	35
†Woking	36	10	6	20	35	57	33

* 2pts deducted, † 3pts deducted.

Friendly game

WYCOMBE are without a Berger Isthmian League game this coming Saturday. Instead they have provisionally arranged a friendly match at home to Division Two side Tring Town. Their next league game is at home to Hendon on Saturday, April 4.

He brought in Scott for Gary Toll (a long overdue switch) and gave Ken Wilson his chance on the wing instead of Steve Long who was relegated to substitute. There was no room in the side for Jimmy Jacobs, who seems to be paying for his versatility.

Terry Glynn, the one man retained, started well firing just wide with one effort and